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OREJA JUNE 2: CANARY ISLANDS AND KHARTOUM SUMMIT

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1. DURING A MEETING WITH GOL FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS,
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, THE CHARGE RAISED SUBJECT OF REFTELS.
DENNIS WAS OF COURSE FLATTERED THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAD
CALLED HIM TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AND HE REGRETTED HE HAD
ALREADY LEFT NEW YORK.

2. HE SAID THAT SINCE LIBERIA IS ON THE OAU LIBERATION
COMMITTEE THE GOL WOULD BE "ESTOPPED" (DENNIS IS A
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LAWYER) FROM CHANGING ITS POSITION, BUT THAT LIBERIA
WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE NO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN SUPPORT
OF LIBERATION COMMITTEE ACTION. HE SAID LIBERIA HAS
LITTLE INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT BUT THAT THE LIBERATION
COMMITTEE HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF RADICAL MEMBERS. HE
NOTED THAT HE HAD VISITED THE CANARY ISLANDS AND, TURNING
TO HIS TWO FOREIGN MINISTRY COLLEAGUES, SAID "THE PEOPLE

THERE DON'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE US.". HE SAID THAT
HIS ADVICE TO SECRETARY VANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN TO NOTE
THAT THE CANARY ISLANDS ISSUE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A
SPINOFF OF THE WESTERN SAHARA PROBLEM AND THAT ONCE THAT
PROBLEM GOES AWAY THE CANARY ISLANDS ISSUE WILL DISAPPEAR.
IN ADDITION, HE SAID THE SPANIARDS SHOULD PROHIBIT
SOUTH AFRICAN AIRCRAFT FROM LANDING AT LAS PALMAS; THAT
THIS GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR AFRICANS WOULD BE HELPFUL TO
THEIR CAUSE.
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NOTE BY OC/T: REFERENCE (B) APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT.

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